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As life goes on and we adapt to new situations, each one of us have people who have inspired us that will become a role model. People that we look up to in life not only inspire us but encourage us to become who we are today. Your role model can come from a book, your family, a celebrity, family member, good friend - literally anyone. When asked by some “who is your role model?”, it can be a challenging question to answer because of how many different possibilities there are. The best way to answer this correctly is to pick out the first person who comes to mind. Having a positive leader or role model can impact our actions and motivate us to discover our true capabilities and overcome our weakness. This is what makes a good leader since they will influence what we do and how we will turn out eventually over time. My role models have inspired me to be more open to opportunities, correct my weakness, inspired me, or changed my ways of thinking for the best. I have never wanted to have a role model or leader that has inspired me, but I have embraced a few over the years that have inspired me. Although, leaders that have inspired or impressed me have changed during the years, I will speak about the ones that are currently my inspiration.

My first inspiration and leader that has inspired me is my mother Roxzana. My mother is my first person I claim to be my biggest inspiration and leader I look up to for many reasons. She has been able to get what she needs done due to her work ethic while helping others at the same time without losing focus. The older I get the more I inspire to be more like my mother. She has



taught me by example to be independent and efficient at getting stuff done in a quick way while never giving up on my dreams. Watching my mother as I grew older each day, I was able to see how she overcame her difficulties that have eventually helped me deal with my own future obstacles. Most of my life, my mother was a single mom so how she has reached her own success has inspired me to reach success of my own by asking her

questions throughout the years. One of my favorite memories of my mother strength is how she was able to rebuild our family home after hurricane Katerina. When the hurricane Katerina hit on August 23, 2005, we accumulated over 25 feet of water at my house in Bay Saint Louis while we took shelter at her workplace. On that day we lost our home, clothes, pictures, and other personal belongings. My mother who was in her late 50's decided to rebuild our house with limited help while making sure our family had a place to stay until the completion of our family home. At the time, I did not realize how much work, dedication, and compassionate she put into this until I was much older. I hope to someday be the leader and role model of someone like how my mother was with me growing up. Everything I have learned about dedication to my dream goals,

I have learnt from her. Not only did my mother raise me, but she has always been my personal coach during every stage of my life without knowing it. I have learned so many things from my mother that I have consider her a positive role model and leader in my life.

My other role model or inspirational leader is Melinda Ann Gates, Melinda is a philanthropist and a former general manager at Microsoft that co-founded the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Melinda created her career in computer programming and was a marketing



manager at Microsoft, which is the world's largest computer software company. She is one of the most inspirational women that have encouraged me to get a degree in computer science. After watch documentary about Bill Gates, I was then introduced to Melinda Gates and was truly inspired by her spirit and support of women and people around the world. She is one of the most powerful women and is co-chair of the world's largest private charitable foundation call the Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation. As I have followed her on social media for years, I have witnessed her strength on helping all people to live a healthy life thorough vaccines, women's

rights, and other health issues we do or do not have inside our country. With Bill and Melinda's foundation they are not looking to do something that will affect only a small population, they are more focused on equality, influencing health, energy, knowledge, access to basic resources [1]. Biography.com Editors states: [2]

Although the foundation's initial goal was to place computers and Microsoft products in libraries all over the United States, over the years Melinda expanded the organization's vision to include worldwide improvements in education. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's efforts also came to address global poverty and health issues. [2]

Gender equality and global health are only the few program strategies that her and Bill's foundation focus on and funds with the hope of completing their goals over time. When dealing with gender equality, the foundation is it to address the barriers that our keeping women and girls from being active in the economy and home in every nation. Melinda Gates has inspired many women to seek out technology while encouraging young women to get interested in stem fields in every county around the world. Regarding global health, the goal is to reduce infectious diseases around the world by developing new tools and strategies by collecting data. Vaccine

development and surveillance is one of the foundations goals to help deliver life-saving vaccines to everyone to help eliminate deadly virus and diseases that are still around today. Having these goals while continuing to help makes changes to the world is one of many reasons why I find Melinda Gates to be a great role model and leader. Not only has she created her own path of achievements but continues to inspire others to help in ways to make the world an improved place for all people without unfairness. Providing needed health care while come up with new tools of technology to allows the eradication of diseases and virus is motivating. She has already stated she would be giving \$1 billion over the next 10 years to expanding women's power and influence here in the United States. Melinda Gates has been fighting for gender equality for all women all over the globe and has impacted the world in a constructive way.

Lastly, the third people I will discuss who has inspired me over the past year is an American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist named Maya Angelou, who is one of my favorite poets that inspire me with her perspectives. I have enjoyed watching her interviews over the years and reading her poems she has generated over time. I find Maya Angelou to be an inspirations leader to people of all ages and her work will continue to encourage people for many years to come. According to Maya Angelou: [4]

Maya Angelou was an American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years. She received dozens of awards and more than 50 honorary degrees. [4]

Maya Angelou is an inspirational role model and leader due to her powerful words and her way to deliver it to people. According to Goalcast “she is one of the most beloved and celebrated



poets and authors, with dozens of awards and over 50 honorary degrees attesting to her inspirational role at the center of American life” [3]. She has created inspirational books and quotes that are still popular today that are still significant. According to Maya Angelou “When I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings was published in 1969, Angelou was confirmed as a new kind of memoirist, one of the first African-American women who were able to publicly discuss their personal lives” [4]. She was one of the Civil Rights Movement’s most famous women, who worked with Martin Luther King Jr. Her poetry over the years have encouraged me to find strength and has impacted my life by her inspiring, passionate, powerful, and impactful thoughts. A few of my favorite poems by Maya Angelou are Still I Rise and Phenomenal Woman. Maya Angelou inspires not only me, but many others who know what she stands for

and will leave a legacy will be remembered for centuries.

To summarize, the three people I have picked that inspire me as a leader have developed over time and in some ways, have inspired me to be more like them. They have individually educated me to how to overcome obstacles, to be the best version of myself, and have opened my mind to new ideas and opinions. Although, leaders that inspire you change as we grow, it is important to find leader we find impressive to influence our actions and motivate us to uncover our true potential while overcoming our weakness. My three leaders, that have inspired me are what I find to be a true inspiration for all people, not just one person. Each three have found ways to enhance the potential of others in a way that works for them while inspiring others to achieve more by using one's potential. They have each inspired themselves first and then was able to inspire others by actions, words, and hard work.

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